

Remarks

5 This is in response to the September 15, 2009 Restriction Requirement set forth in the above-identified patent application. This Reply is being submitted with a request for a one-month extension of time, and the accompanying fee.

Claims 1-44, as originally filed, are pending. The instant Restriction Requirement indicates six groups to which the pending claims are restricted:

Group I, claims 1-26 and 44;

Group II, claims 27-38;

10 Group III, claims 39-40;

Group IV, claim 41;

Group V, claim 42; and

Group VI, claim 43.

15 Applicants hereby elect Group I claims 1-26 and 44, drawn to an immediate release pharmaceutical tablet with at least two segments ... (a), ... (b), ... or (c). This election is made without traverse.

20 In addition, the Restriction Requirement notes that the application contains claims to more than one species of the generic invention and indicates that, if Group I, IV or V are elected, then a single species must be elected. Applicants hereby elect species (a), two or more segments with same drug or drugs. The claims readable on the elected species include claims 1-10, 12-26 and 44.

25 In view of the above election of the Group I claims, and the election of a single species, as required, applicants believe that the pending claims are ready for substantive examination, and are in condition for allowance, as filed. Applicants respectfully request the Notice of Allowance be issued upon substantive examination of the claims on the merits.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the address and/or phone number provided below if clarification or additional information is needed on any of these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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